



PUBLIC NOTICE

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AN ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES) INDIVIDUAL PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

A Fact Sheet and associated documents are available for review. For inquiries or to request copies of documents, contact:

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Draft Permit Public Notice Period

Public Notice Start Date: **August 10, 2016**
Public Notice Expiration Date: **September 12, 2016**

Permit Number: AKS055859

Applicant: U.S. Army Garrison Fort Wainwright
Location:
3023 Engineer Place
Fort Wainwright, AK 99703-4500

Mailing Address:
IMFW-PWE 1046 Marks Road
Fort Wainwright, AK 99703

Proposed Project and Location:

Fort Wainwright is a 916,000 acre military installation located within a portion of the Fairbanks Urbanized Area. The installation is mostly unpaved, except for roads, parking areas, and airfield runways and ramps. Storm water from the installation is collected, treated, and conveyed through a series of catch basins, gutters, ditches, storm drains, and grass-lined channels that comprise the MS4. Storm water discharges directly into the Chena River via 25 outfall locations along the river. The Chena River is listed on Alaska's 303(d) list of impaired waters due to elevated levels of sediment resulting from urban runoff. In order to ensure the protection of water quality and human health, this permit would authorize and set conditions on the discharge and outline best management practices the operator would be required to implement.

Mixing Zone: None are proposed

Tentative Determination:

DEC has tentatively determined to issue a discharge permit to the above listed applicant.

Public Comments:

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the APDES draft permit must be submitted within 30 days of the issuance of this public notice. Please direct written comments and requests to the attention of Angela Hunt at the address or email identified above. All comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the commenter and a concise statement of comment on the permit condition(s) and the relevant facts upon which the comment is based. Comments of either support or concern that are directed at specific, cited permit requirements are appreciated. Mailed comments and requests must be postmarked on or before the expiration date of the public notice.

DEC will consider all comments when making the final decision, and will respond to received comments in a Response to Comments document issued when DEC issues a final permit. The Response to Comments will be made available to the public.

Any interested person may submit a written request for a public hearing if no hearing has already been scheduled. A request for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues to be raised, as well as the requester's name, address and telephone number. DEC will hold a public hearing whenever DEC finds, on the basis of requests, a significant degree of public interest in a draft permit. DEC may also hold a public hearing if a hearing might clarify one or more issues involved in a permit decision or for other good reason in DEC's discretion.

DEC will transmit the final permit, fact sheet (amended as appropriate), and Response to Comments to anyone who provided comments during the public review period or requested to be notified of DEC final decision.

**DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS OR REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:
September 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. ADT**

Administrative Record:

The APDES draft permit, fact sheet, permit application, and associated documents are available for public review at the DEC offices located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Soldotna, and Wasilla. Please contact the office of your choice to arrange for hard copies of the documents to be available for your review.

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If you would like further information or to see any additional supporting technical documents, contact Angela Hunt.

The documents are also accessible from the DEC website at:

<http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wwdp/index.htm>

To receive email notifications about the APDES Program, including when permits are available to review, follow the link below to join the APDES email list.

http://dec.alaska.gov/water/npdes/npdes_email_list.htm

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